

410 MATERNITY CARE SERVICES

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I. PURPOSE

This Policy applies to ACC, ALTCS E/PD, DCS/CMDP (CMDP), DES/DDD (DDD), RBHA Contractors, and Fee-For-Service (FFS) Programs including: Tribal ALTCS, American Indian Health Program (AIHP), and all FFS populations, excluding Federal Emergency Services (FES). (For FES, see AMPM Policy 1100). This Policy establishes requirements for Contractors and FFS Providers regarding maternity care services.

II. DEFINITIONS

CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE (CNM)	An individual certified by the American College of Nursing Midwives (ACNM) on the basis of a national certification examination and licensed to practice in Arizona by the State Board of Nursing. CNMs practice independent management of care for pregnant women and newborns, providing antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, gynecological, and newborn care, within a health care system that provides for medical consultation, collaborative management, or referral.
FREE STANDING BIRTHING CENTERS	Out-of-hospital, outpatient obstetrical facilities, licensed by the ADHS and certified by the Commission for the Accreditation of Free Standing Birthing Centers. These facilities are staffed by registered nurses to provide assistance with labor and delivery services and are equipped to manage uncomplicated, low-risk labor and delivery. These facilities shall be affiliated with, and in close proximity to, an acute care hospital for the management of complications, should they arise.
HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY	Refers to a condition in which the mother, fetus, or newborn is, or is anticipated to be, at increased risk for morbidity or mortality before or after delivery. High-risk is determined through the use of the Medical Insurance Company of Arizona (MICA) or American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) standardized medical risk assessment tools.

LICENSED MIDWIFE	An individual licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to provide maternity care pursuant to A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 6, Article 7 and A.A.C. R9-16 (This provider type does not include certified nurse midwives licensed by the Board of Nursing as a nurse practitioner in midwifery or physician assistants licensed by the Arizona Medical Board).
MATERNITY CARE	Includes identification of pregnancy, prenatal care, labor/delivery services, and postpartum care.
MATERNITY CARE COORDINATION	Consists of the following maternity care related activities: determining the member's medical or social needs through a risk assessment evaluation; developing a plan of care designed to address those needs; coordinating referrals of the member to appropriate service providers and community resources; monitoring referrals to ensure the services are received; and revising the plan of care, as appropriate.
PRACTITIONER	Refers to certified nurse practitioners in midwifery, physician's assistants, and other nurse practitioners. Physician's assistants and nurse practitioners are defined in A.R.S. Title 32, Chapters 15 and 25 respectively.
POSTPARTUM	For the purposes of this Policy, Postpartum is defined as the period beginning the day of parturition and ends the last day of the month up to the 57 th day following parturition.
POSTPARTUM CARE	Health care provided for a period of up to 57 days post-delivery. Family planning services are included, if provided by a physician or practitioner, as addressed in AMPM Policy 420.
PRECONCEPTION COUNSELING	<p>The provision of assistance and guidance aimed at identifying/reducing behavioral and social risks, through preventive and management interventions, in women of reproductive age who are capable of becoming pregnant, regardless of whether she is planning to conceive. This counseling focuses on the early detection and management of risk factors before pregnancy and includes efforts to influence behaviors that can affect a fetus prior to conception. The purpose of preconception counseling is to ensure that a woman is healthy prior to pregnancy.</p> <p>Preconception counseling is considered included in the well-woman preventative care visit and does not include genetic testing.</p>

PRENATAL CARE

The provision of health services during pregnancy which is composed of three major components:

1. Early and continuous risk assessment,
2. Health education and promotion, and
3. Medical monitoring, intervention, and follow-up.

III. POLICY

AHCCCS covers a full continuum of Maternity Care services for all eligible, enrolled members of childbearing age.

Maternity Care services include, but are not limited to:

1. Medically necessary Preconception Counseling.
2. Identification of pregnancy.
3. Medically necessary education and prenatal services for the care of pregnancy.
4. The treatment of pregnancy-related conditions.
5. Labor and delivery services, and
6. Postpartum Care.

In addition, related services such as outreach and family planning services are provided, whenever appropriate, based on the member's current eligibility and enrollment. Refer to AMPM Policy 420.

All Maternity Care services shall be delivered by qualified providers as described in this Policy, and shall be provided in compliance with the most current American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, (ACOG) standards for obstetrical and gynecological services. Prenatal Care, labor/delivery, and Postpartum Care services may be provided by a Licensed Midwife within their scope of practice, while adhering to AHCCCS risk-status consultation/referral requirements. All cesarean sections shall include medical documentation surrounding medical necessity. In addition, all inductions and cesarean sections done prior to 39 weeks shall follow the ACOG guidelines. Any induction or cesarean section performed prior to 39 week that are found not to be medically necessary based on the nationally established criteria are not eligible for payment.

A. CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDING MATERNITY CARE SERVICES

Contractors shall establish and operate a Maternity Care program with program goals directed at achieving optimal birth outcomes. The minimum requirements of the Maternity Care program include:

1. Sufficient numbers of appropriately qualified local personnel in order to meet the requirements of the Maternity Care program for eligible enrolled members and achieve contractual compliance.
2. Provision of written member educational outreach related to the following topics:
 - a. Risks associated with cesarean sections and elective inductions prior to 39 weeks gestation,
 - b. Healthy pregnancy measures (addressing nutrition, sexually transmitted infections, substance use and other risky behaviors),
 - c. Dangers of lead exposure to mother and baby during pregnancy,
 - d. Postpartum depression,
 - e. Importance of timely prenatal and Postpartum Care, and
 - f. Other Contractor selected topics.

The topics listed above, may be addressed separately or combined into one written outreach material; however, each topic shall be covered during the 12 month period. Contractors may utilize various venues to meet these requirements.

3. Outreach and education activities to identify currently enrolled pregnant members, and enter them into Prenatal Care as soon as possible. The program shall include protocols for service providers to notify the Contractor promptly when members have tested positive for pregnancy. In addition, Contractors shall have an ongoing process to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of outreach activities for all pregnant members. If activities prove to be ineffective, the Contractor shall implement different outreach activities.
4. Participation in community and quality initiatives within the communities served by the Contractor.
5. Implementation of written protocols to inform pregnant women and Maternity Care providers of voluntary prenatal HIV/AIDS testing and the availability of medical counseling, if the test is positive:
 - a. The Contractor shall include information to encourage pregnant women to be tested and provide instructions on where testing is available at least annually in its:
 - i. Member newsletter,
 - ii. New member welcome packet,
 - iii. Maternity packet,
 - iv. Provider instructions, and
 - v. The Contractor's Member Handbook.
 - b. During the reporting period, the Contractor shall report to AHCCCS the number of pregnant women who have been newly diagnosed as HIV/AIDS positive, using Attachment A, as specified in Contract.
6. Designation of a Maternity Care provider for each enrolled pregnant woman for the duration of her pregnancy and Postpartum Care. Such designations shall be consistent with AHCCCS contract requirements, allowing freedom of choice, while not

compromising the continuity of care. Members who transition to a new Contractor or become enrolled during their third trimester shall be allowed to complete Maternity Care with their current AHCCCS registered provider, regardless of contractual status, to ensure continuity of care.

7. Provision of information regarding the opportunity to change Contractors to ensure continuity of Prenatal Care, to newly-assigned pregnant members and those currently under the care of a non-network provider.
8. Written new member assessment procedures for the provider that include identifying risk factors through the use of a comprehensive assessment tool covering psychosocial, nutritional, medical and educational factors (available from ACOG or the Medical Insurance Company of Arizona, MICA).
9. Mandatory availability of Maternity Care Coordination services for enrolled pregnant women, who are determined to be medically or socially at-risk/high-risk by the Maternity Care provider or the Contractor. This includes identified difficulties with navigating the health care system, evident by missed visits, transportation difficulties, or other perceived barriers.
10. Demonstration of an established process for assuring:
 - a. Network physicians, Practitioners, and licensed midwives adhere to the highest standards of care, including the use of a standardized medical risk assessment tool for initial and ongoing risk assessments, and appropriate consults/referrals for increased-risk or high-risk pregnancies using ACOG or MICA criteria,
 - b. Maternity Care providers educate members about healthy behaviors during pregnancy, including the importance of proper nutrition, dangers of lead exposure to mother and child, tobacco cessation, avoidance of alcohol and other harmful substances, including illegal drugs, screening for sexually transmitted infections, the physiology of pregnancy, the process of labor and delivery, breast-feeding, other infant care information, prescription opioid use, and Postpartum follow-up,
 - c. Members are referred for support services to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), as well as other community-based resources to support healthy pregnancy outcomes. In the event where a member loses eligibility, the member shall be notified where they may obtain low-cost or no-cost maternity services,
 - d. Maternity Care providers maintain a complete medical record, documenting all aspects of Maternity Care,
 - e. High-risk pregnant members have been referred to and are receiving appropriate care from a qualified physician, and
 - f. Postpartum services are provided to members within 57 days of delivery.
11. Mandatory provision of initial Prenatal Care appointments within the established timeframes, as specified in ACOM Policy 417.

12. Primary verification of pregnant members, to ensure that the above timeframes are met, and to effectively monitor members are seen in accordance with those timeframes.
13. Monitoring and evaluation of infants born with low/very low birth weight, and implementation of interventions to decrease the incidence of infants born with low/very low birth weight.
14. Monitoring and evaluation of cesarean section and elective induction rates prior to 39 weeks gestation, as well as implementation of interventions to decrease the incidence of occurrence.
15. Identification of postpartum depression for referral of members to the appropriate health care providers. Contractors may require the use of any normally-referenced validated screening tool to assist the provider in assessing the postpartum needs of women regarding depression and decisions regarding health care services provided by the Primary Care Provider (PCP) or subsequent referral to the plan/entity responsible for the provision of behavioral health services, if clinically indicated.
16. Process for monitoring provider compliance for perinatal and postpartum depression screenings being conducted at least once during the pregnancy and then repeated at the Postpartum visit, with appropriate counseling and referrals made, if a positive screening is obtained.
17. Return visits in accordance with ACOG standards. A process, with primary verification, shall be in place to monitor these appointments and ensure timeliness. Contractors shall include the first and last Prenatal Care dates of service and the number of obstetrical visits that the member had with the provider on claim forms to AHCCCS regardless of the payment methodology.

Contractors shall continue to pay obstetrical claims upon receipt of claim after delivery, and shall not postpone payment to include the postpartum visit. Rather, Contractors shall require a separate “zero-dollar” claim for the postpartum visit.

18. Timely provision of medically necessary transportation services, as described in AMPM Policy 310-BB.
19. Postpartum activities shall be monitored and evaluated, and interventions to improve the utilization rate implemented, where needs are identified.
20. Participation of Contractors in reviews of the Maternity Care services program conducted by AHCCCS as requested, including provider visits and audits.

B. CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MATERNITY/FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES ANNUAL PLAN

The Contractor shall have a written Maternity and Family Planning Services Plan and Evaluation that addresses minimum Contractor requirements as specified in Section A of this Policy, as well as the objectives of the Contractor's program that are focused on achieving AHCCCS requirements. It shall also incorporate monitoring and evaluation activities for these minimum requirements. See AMPM Exhibit 400-2A. The Maternity and Family Planning Services Plan and Evaluation shall be submitted as specified in Contract.

C. MATERNITY CARE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

All AHCCCS providers shall adhere to the following Maternity Care requirements:

1. Physicians and practitioners shall follow the ACOG standards of care, including the use of a standardized medical risk assessment tool and ongoing risk assessment.
2. Licensed midwives, if included in the provider network, shall adhere to the requirements contained within AHCCCS policy, procedures, and Contract. Licensed midwives providing services to FFS members shall adhere to the requirements contained within AHCCCS policies and procedures.
3. Maternity Care providers shall ensure that:
 - a. High-risk members have been referred to a qualified provider and are receiving appropriate care,
 - b. All pregnant members are screened through the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program (CSPMP) once a trimester, and for those members receiving opioids, appropriate intervention and counseling shall be provided, including referral of members for behavioral health services as indicated for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) assessment and treatment,
 - c. All pregnant members are screened for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), including syphilis at the;
 - i. First prenatal visit,
 - ii. Third trimester and,
 - iii. Time of delivery,
 - d. Members are educated about healthy behaviors during pregnancy, including the importance of proper nutrition, dangers of lead exposure to mother and child, tobacco cessation, avoidance of alcohol and other harmful substances, including illegal drugs, screening for sexually transmitted infections, the physiology of pregnancy, the process of labor and delivery, breastfeeding, other infant care information, prescription opioids use, and postpartum follow-up,
 - e. Perinatal and postpartum depression screenings are conducted at least once during the pregnancy and then repeated at the postpartum visit with appropriate counseling and referrals made if a positive screening is obtained. Postpartum depression

screening is considered part of the global service and is not a separately reimbursable service:

Providers should refer to any norm-referenced validated screening tool to assist the provider in assessing the postpartum needs of women regarding depression and decisions regarding health care services provided by the PCP or subsequent referral to the plan/entity responsible for the provision of behavioral health services if clinically indicated,

- f. Member medical records are appropriately maintained and document all aspects of the Maternity Care provided,
- g. Members shall be referred for support services to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC, as well as other community-based resources, in order to support healthy pregnancy outcomes,
- h. Members shall be notified that in the event of loss of eligibility for services, they may contact the ADHS Hotline for referrals to low-cost or no-cost services,
- i. The first and last Prenatal Care dates of service, as well as the number of obstetrical visits that the member had with the provider, are recorded on all claim forms submitted to the Contractor regardless of the payment methodology used, and
- j. Postpartum services shall be provided to members within 57 days of delivery utilizing a separate “zero-dollar” claim for the postpartum visit.

D. ADDITIONAL RELATED SERVICES

1. AHCCCS related services with special policy and procedural guidelines for FFS and Contractor providers include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Circumcision of newborn male infants:
 - i. Pursuant to A.R.S. §36-2907, routine circumcision for newborn males is not a covered service, and
 - ii. Circumcision is a covered service under EPSDT for males when it is determined to be medically necessary. The procedure requires Prior Authorization by the Contractor Medical Director or designee for enrolled members, or the AHCCCS Chief Medical Officer or designee for FFS members.
 - b. Extended stays for newborns related to status of mother’s stay:
 - i. AHCCCS covers no less than 48 hours of inpatient hospital care after a routine vaginal delivery and no less than 96 hours of inpatient care after a cesarean delivery,
 - ii. The attending health care provider, in consultation with an agreement by the mother, may discharge the mother or newborn prior to the minimum length of stay. A newborn may be granted an extended stay in the hospital of birth when the mother’s continued stay in the hospital is beyond the minimum 48 or 96 hour stay, whichever is applicable. In addition, if the mother's stay is to extend beyond 48/96 hours, an extended stay for the newborn should be granted if the mother's condition allows for mother-infant interaction and the child is not a ward of the State or is not to be adopted. PA is required for extended stays for newborn infants for the FFS population,

- c. Home uterine monitoring technology:
 - i. AHCCCS covers medically necessary home uterine monitoring technology for members with premature labor contractions before 35 weeks gestation, as an alternative to hospitalization,
 - ii. If the member has one or more of the following conditions, home uterine monitoring may be considered:
 - 1) Multiple gestation, particularly triplets or quadruplets,
 - 2) Previous obstetrical history of one or more births before 35 weeks gestation, or
 - 3) Hospitalization for premature labor before 35 weeks gestation with a documented change in the cervix, controlled by tocolysis and ready to be discharged for bed rest at home,
 - iii. These guidelines refer to home uterine activity monitoring technology and do not refer to daily provider contact by telephone or home visit,
- d. Labor and delivery services provided in Free Standing Birthing Centers:
 - i. For members who meet medical criteria specified in this Policy, AHCCCS covers Free Standing Birthing Centers when labor and delivery services are provided by licensed physicians or certified nurse midwives,
 - ii. Labor and delivery services rendered through Free Standing Birthing Centers shall be provided by a physician, (i.e. the member's primary care provider or an obstetrician with hospital admitting privileges) or by a CNM who has hospital admitting privileges for labor and delivery services,
 - iii. Only pregnant AHCCCS members, for whom an uncomplicated prenatal course and a low-risk labor and delivery can be anticipated, may be scheduled to deliver at a free standing birthing center. Risk status shall be determined by the attending physician or CNM using the standardized assessment tools for high-risk pregnancies (ACOG, MICA, or National Association of Childbearing Centers). In any area of the risk assessment where standards conflict, the most stringent shall apply. The age of the member shall also be a consideration in the risk status evaluation, members younger than 18 years of age are generally considered high risk.
Refer to the A.A.C. R9-16-111 through 113 for more detailed explanation of what AHCCCS does not consider as low-risk deliveries, nor appropriate for planned home-births in the home setting or births in Free Standing Birthing Centers.
- e. Labor and delivery services provided in a home setting:
 - i. For members who meet medical criteria specified in this Policy, AHCCCS covers labor and delivery services provided in the home by the member's maternity provider: physicians, certified nurse midwives, or licensed midwives,
 - ii. Only AHCCCS members for whom an uncomplicated prenatal course and a low-risk labor and delivery can be anticipated, may be scheduled to deliver in the member's home:
Refer to A.A.C. R9-16-111 through 113 for more detailed explanation of what AHCCCS does not consider as low-risk deliveries, nor appropriate for planned births in the home setting or births in Free Standing Birthing Centers,

- iii. Risk status shall initially be determined at the time of the first visit, and each trimester thereafter, by the member's attending physician, CNM or Licensed Midwife, using the current standardized assessment criteria and protocols for high-risk pregnancies from the ACOG or MICA,
 - iv. A risk assessment shall be conducted when a new presenting complication or concern arises to ensure appropriate care and referral to a qualified provider, if necessary,
 - v. Physicians and CNMs who render home labor and delivery services shall have admitting privileges at an acute care hospital in close proximity to the site where the services are provided in the event of complications during labor and/or delivery,
 - vi. For each anticipated home labor and delivery, licensed midwives who render home labor and delivery services shall have an established plan of action, including methods of obtaining services at an acute care hospital in close proximity to the site where services are provided. In addition, referral information to an AHCCCS registered physician who can be contacted immediately, in the event that management of complications is necessary, shall be included in the plan of action,
 - vii. Upon delivery of the newborn, the physician, CNM or Licensed Midwife is responsible for conducting newborn examination procedures, including a mandatory Bloodspot Newborn Screening Panel and referral of the infant to an appropriate health care provider for a mandatory hearing screening, as well as a second mandatory Bloodspot Newborn Screening Panel and second newborn hearing screening (if infant refers on first testing). Refer the infant and/or member to an appropriate health care provider for follow-up care of any assessed problematic conditions (Refer to A.A.C. R9-16-111 through 113),
 - viii. In addition, the physician, CNM or Licensed Midwife shall notify the mother's Contractor or the AHCCCS Newborn Reporting Line of the birth for infants born to FFS mothers. Notification may also be made using the AHCCCS Online Provider website newborn notifications link. Notification shall be given no later than three days after the birth in order to enroll the newborn with AHCCCS.
- f. Licensed Midwife services:
- i. AHCCCS covers Maternity Care and coordination provided by midwives for FFS members or enrolled members, if midwives are included in the provider network. In addition, members who choose to receive maternity services from this provider type shall meet eligibility and medical criteria specified in this policy,
 - ii. Midwife services may be provided only to members for whom an uncomplicated prenatal course and a low-risk labor and delivery can be anticipated. The age of the member shall be included as a consideration in the risk status evaluation. Refer to A.A.C. R9-16-111 through 113 for more detailed explanation of what AHCCCS does not consider as low-risk deliveries, nor appropriate for planned home-births or births in Free Standing Birthing Centers,

- iii. Risk status shall initially be determined at the time of the first visit, and each trimester thereafter, using the current standardized assessment criteria and protocols for high-risk pregnancies from the ACOG or MICA,
- iv. A risk assessment from the ACOG or MICA shall be conducted when a new presenting complication or concern arises to ensure proper care and referral to a qualified physician if necessary,
- v. Before providing midwife services, documentation certifying the risk status of the member's pregnancy shall be submitted to the Contractor. In addition, a consent form signed and dated by the member shall be submitted, indicating that the member has been informed and understands the scope of services that will be provided by the midwife, including the risks to a home delivery. Members initially determined to have a High-Risk Pregnancy, or members whose physical condition changes to high-risk during the course of pregnancy, shall immediately be referred to an AHCCCS registered physician within the provider network of the member's Contractor for Maternity Care services,
- vi. Labor and delivery services provided by a Licensed Midwife cannot be provided in a hospital or other licensed health care institution. Licensed midwives shall have a plan of action, including the name and address of an AHCCCS registered physician and an acute care hospital in close proximity to the planned location of labor and delivery for referral, in the event that complications should arise. This plan of action shall be submitted to the AHCCCS Chief Medical Officer or designee for FFS members, or to the Contractor Medical Director or designee for members enrolled with a Contractor,
- vii. Upon delivery of the newborn, the Licensed Midwife is responsible for conducting newborn examination procedures, including a mandatory Bloodspot Newborn Screening Panel and referral of the infant to an appropriate health care provider for a mandatory hearing screening, as well as a second mandatory Bloodspot Newborn Screening Panel and a second newborn hearing screening (if infant refers on first testing). Refer the infant and/or member to an appropriate health care provider for follow-up care of any assessed problematic conditions. Refer to A.A.C. R9-16-111 through 113, and
- viii. In addition, the Licensed Midwife shall notify the mother's Contractor or the AHCCCS Newborn Reporting Line for infants born to FFS mothers, of the birth no later than one day from the date of birth, in order to enroll the newborn with AHCCCS,
- g. Supplemental stillbirth payment:
 - i. A supplemental payment was implemented for Contractors to cover the cost of delivery services. The supplemental payment applies to all births to women enrolled with ACC Contractors only, as outlined in Contract and ACOM Policy 310. AHCCCS also pays this supplement to Contractors when the infant is stillborn,
 - ii. Stillbirth refers to those infants, deemed a fetal demise prior to delivery with a gestational age greater than 24 and 0/7 weeks. In order for Contractors to be eligible to receive this payment, criteria shall be met. The stillborn infant shall have:

- 1) Attained a weight of at least 600 grams, or
 - 2) Attained a gestational age of at least 24 and 0/7 weeks, as verified by Provider's obstetrical prenatal records (History & Physical) including an Estimated Date of Confinement (EDC). An ultrasound report may also be used to verify EDC, when completed prior to 22 weeks gestation. A Ballard Assessment, done at delivery by nursing and/or physician staff to determine physical maturity of the infant, confirming a gestational age of at least 24 0/7 weeks may also be used.
- iii. For stillbirths meeting one of the above medical criteria, Contractors shall submit maternal and newborn delivery record to confirm infant's weight, or gestational age, as well as the date/time of delivery and zero Appearance, Pulse, grimace, Activity, and Respiration, Apgars, using Attachment B, including results of most recent syphilis testing.
 - iv. Information shall be submitted to AHCCCS as specified in contract.
 - v. No supplemental payment is provided for labor and delivery services rendered during the prior period coverage timeframe, or if the member was not assigned to the Contractor at the time labor and delivery services were rendered, and
 - vi. Contractor requests for the payment shall be made within six months of the delivery date. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- h. Pregnancy termination (including Mifepristone [Mifeprex or RU-486]).

E. PREGNANCY TERMINATION (INCLUDING MIFEPRISTONE [MIFEPREX OR RU-486])

1. AHCCCS covers pregnancy termination if one of the following criteria is present:
 - a. The pregnant member suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness including a life-endangering physical condition caused by, or arising from, the pregnancy itself that would, as certified by a physician, place the member in danger of death unless the pregnancy is terminated,
 - b. The pregnancy is a result of incest,
 - c. The pregnancy is a result of rape, or
 - d. The pregnancy termination is medically necessary according to the medical judgment of a licensed physician, who attests that continuation of the pregnancy could reasonably be expected to pose a serious physical or behavioral health problem for the pregnant member by:
 - i. Creating a serious physical or behavioral health problem for the pregnant member,
 - ii. Seriously impairing a bodily function of the pregnant member,
 - iii. Causing dysfunction of a bodily organ or part of the pregnant member,
 - iv. Exacerbating a health problem of the pregnant member, or
 - v. Preventing the pregnant member from obtaining treatment for a health problem.
2. Acknowledgment:
 - a. The attending physician shall acknowledge that a pregnancy termination has been determined medically necessary by submitting Attachment D and clinical information that supports the medical necessity for the procedure, and

- b. This form shall be submitted to the appropriate assigned Contractor Medical Director or designee for enrolled pregnant members, or the AHCCCS Chief Medical Officer or designee for FFS members. The Certificate shall certify that, in the physician's professional judgment, one of the above criteria has been met.
3. Additional Required Documentation:
 - a. A written informed consent shall be obtained by the provider and kept in the member's chart for all pregnancy terminations. If the pregnant member is younger than 18 years of age, or is 18 years of age or older and considered an incapacitated adult (as defined in A.R.S. §14-5101), a dated signature of the pregnant member's parent or legal guardian indicating approval of the pregnancy termination procedure is required, and
 - b. When the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, documentation shall be obtained that the incident was reported to the proper authorities, including the name of the agency to which it was reported, the report number (if available), and the date the report was filed. This documentation requirement shall be waived if the treating physician certifies that, in his or her professional opinion, the member was unable, for physical or psychological reasons, to comply with the requirement.
4. Additional Considerations Related to Use of Mifepristone:
 - a. Mifepristone (also known as Mifeprex or RU-486) is not a post-coital emergency oral contraceptive. The administration of Mifepristone, for the purposes of inducing intrauterine pregnancy termination, is covered by AHCCCS when a minimum of one AHCCCS required criterion is met for pregnancy termination, as well as the following conditions specific to Mifepristone:
 - i. Mifepristone can be administered through 49 days of pregnancy,
 - ii. If the duration of pregnancy is unknown or if ectopic pregnancy is suspected, ultrasonography should be used for confirmation,
 - iii. Any Intrauterine Device (IUD) should be removed before treatment with Mifepristone begins,
 - iv. 800 µg of Misoprostol shall be given two days after taking Mifepristone unless a complete abortion has already been confirmed, and
 - v. Pregnancy termination by surgery is recommended in cases when Mifepristone and Misoprostol fail to induce termination of the pregnancy.
 - b. When Mifepristone is administered, the following documentation is also required:
 - i. Duration of pregnancy in days,
 - ii. The date IUD was removed (if the member had one),
 - iii. The date Mifepristone was given,
 - iv. The date Misoprostol was given, and
 - v. Documentation that pregnancy termination occurred.
5. Reporting Requirements:
 - a. The Contractor shall submit a standardized Attachment E, as specified in Contract, which documents the number of authorized pregnancy terminations performed during the month (including pregnancy terminations resulting from the use of

- Mifepristone). If no pregnancy terminations were performed during the month, the monthly report shall still be submitted to attest to that information, and
- b. When pregnancy terminations have been authorized by the Contractor, the following information shall be provided with the monthly report:
 - i. A copy of the completed AHCCCS Certificate of Necessity for Pregnancy Termination form, which has been signed by the Contractor’s Medical Director,
 - ii. A copy of the completed Attachment D, confirming requirements for pregnancy termination have been met,
 - iii. A copy of the official incident report, in the case of rape or incest, unless the physician certifies in his or her professional opinion the member was unable for physical or psychological reasons to comply with the requirement to report the rape and/or incest to the authorities,
 - iv. A copy of documentation confirming pregnancy termination occurred, and
 - v. A copy of the clinical information supporting the justification/necessity for pregnancy termination.
6. Prior Authorization:
- a. Except in cases of medical emergencies, the provider shall obtain a PA for all covered pregnancy terminations from the Contractor’s Medical Director. PA for FFS pregnant members shall be obtained from the AHCCCS Chief Medical Officer or designee. A completed Attachment C and Attachment D, forms shall be submitted with the request for PA, along with the lab, radiology, consultation or other testing results that support the justification/necessity for pregnancy termination. The Contractor’s Medical Director or AHCCCS Chief Medical Officer or designee will review the PA request, as specified in Attachments C and D, and expeditiously authorize the procedure, if the documentation meets the criteria for justification of pregnancy termination, and
 - b. In cases of medical emergencies, the provider shall submit all documentation of medical necessity to the Contractor, or AHCCCS/Division of FFS Management, within two working days of the date on which the pregnancy termination procedure was performed.